

# Algebraic cobordisms of a Pfister quadric \*

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## 1 Introduction

The aim of this paper is to compute algebraic cobordisms of a Pfister quadric  $Q_\alpha$ . We present two different approaches to this problem. The first one uses the motivic spectrum  $MGL$  (constructed by V.Voevodsky in [27]), and is reduced to the computation of  $MGL^{2*,*}(Q_\alpha)$ , and the second one uses the definition of algebraic cobordism  $\Omega^*(Q_\alpha)$  due to M.Levine and F.Morel (see [7],[8],[9]). Consequently, the methods of computations are quite different. The more pleasant is the fact that the results do agree, especially, since, in general, it is not proven that  $MGL^{2i,i}(X) = \Omega^i(X)$  (of course, it hardly could be any other way). We hope, that our two independent computations will enable the reader to see the problem from different angles. The case of a Pfister quadric is one of the few noncellular varieties for which algebraic cobordism ring is completely computed (the others are  $B\mathbf{Z}/p$  and certain reductive groups - see [31]).

Certainly, the fact that  $Q_\alpha$  is *geometrically cellular* helped here a lot. But another ingredient which permitted such computation to happen is the fact that the change of constants map to the algebraic closure appears to be injective in our case. In general (even for geometrically cellular varieties), it is not so. Nevertheless, one could expect that the same could happen for certain classes of varieties, say, for *generically cellular* ones (that is, ones which become cellular over own generic point). The computation of algebraic cobordisms for such varieties would be the next natural task.

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## 2 Cobordism motives

Everywhere in this text we assume that the base field  $k$  has characteristic 0. Let  $A^*(X)$  be any oriented (generalised) cohomology theory on the category of smooth algebraic varieties over the field  $k$  (see [8]).

An oriented cohomology theory is a contravariant functor from the category of smooth varieties (over  $k$ ) to the category of graded rings which is equipped with the structure of push-forward maps for projective equidimensional morphisms (with appropriate shift in the grading) satisfying the axioms (A1)-(A4) in [8]. The algebraic cobordism theory  $\Omega^*(X)$  (see [8, 9, 7]) is defined as the universal theory among the oriented cohomology theories.

Following [11] we define the category of  $A$ -motives denoted  $\mathcal{M}_A$  as follows. We start with the category of  $A$ -correspondences (of degree 0)  $Cor_A^0$  whose objects are the classes  $[X]$  of smooth projective varieties over  $k$ , and  $Mor_{Cor_A^0}([X], [Y]) = A^{dim(Y)}(X \times Y)$ . The composition of morphisms is defined in a usual way:  $\varphi \circ \psi := p_{X \times Z_*}(p_{X \times Y}^*(\varphi) \cdot p_{Y \times Z}^*(\psi))$ , where  $p_{X \times Y}, p_{Y \times Z}$  and  $p_{X \times Z}$  are projection from  $X \times Y \times Z$  onto  $X \times Y, Y \times Z$  and  $X \times Z$ , respectively. Then,  $\mathcal{M}_A$  is a Karoubian envelope of  $Cor_A^0$ . It is naturally a tensor additive category. Typical object of  $\mathcal{M}_A$  is the pair  $([X], p)$ , where  $X$  is smooth projective variety over  $k$  and  $p \in End_{Cor_A^0}([X])$  is some projector ( $p \circ p = p$ ). Hence, for each  $M \in \mathcal{M}_A$ , we can define the  $A^*(Spec(k))$ -module  $A^*(M)$

In the case of a Chow groups,  $\mathcal{M}_{CH}$  is nothing else, but the well-known category of effective Chow-motives  $Chow^{eff}(k)$ . Consider now the case when  $A^*(X)$  is the algebraic cobordism theory  $\Omega^*(X)$  constructed by M.Levine and F.Morel (see [8, 9, 7]), or  $MGL^{2*,*}(X)$  constructed by V.Voevodsky. In both

cases we have natural morphism  $fog_A : A^*(X) \rightarrow CH^*(X)$  of generalized cohomology theories. It induces functor  $\mathcal{M}_A \xrightarrow{fog} \mathcal{M}_{CH}$ .

The results about  $\mathcal{M}_\Omega$  or  $\mathcal{M}_{MGL}$  we need will follow from some general statements about additive categories. So, we pass to those.

We say that we are in the situation  $(\star)$ , if we have an additive functor  $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  between the additive categories such that the following three conditions are satisfied:

- 0)  $F$  is surjective on the isomorphism classes of objects;
- 1)  $F$  is surjective on morphisms;
- 2) For any  $X \in Ob(\mathcal{C})$ , the kernel of the ring homomorphism  $F_X : End_{\mathcal{C}}(X) \rightarrow End_{\mathcal{D}}(F(X))$  consists of nilpotents.

**Lemma 2.1** *Let us be in the situation  $(\star)$ . Suppose  $\alpha \in Hom_{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)$  is a morphism such that  $F(\alpha)$  is an isomorphism. Then so is  $\alpha$ .*

**Proof:** Since  $F$  is surjective on morphisms, there exists  $\beta \in Hom_{\mathcal{C}}(Y, X)$  such that  $F(\beta) \circ F(\alpha) = 1_{F(X)}$  and  $F(\alpha) \circ F(\beta) = 1_{F(Y)}$ . Then  $\beta \circ \alpha = 1_X + x$  and  $\alpha \circ \beta = 1_Y + y$ , where  $x$  and  $y$  belong to the kernel of  $F_X$  and  $F_Y$ , respectively, and so, are nilpotent.

Use induction on the maximum of nilpotence exponents of  $x$  and  $y$ . If such exponent is 1, we are done. Otherwise, consider  $\beta' := \beta \circ (1_Y - y)$ . Notice, that  $\alpha \circ x = y \circ \alpha$  and  $x \circ \beta = \beta \circ y$ . Then  $\alpha \circ \beta' = (1_Y + y) \circ (1_Y - y) = 1_Y - y^2$  and  $\beta' \circ \alpha = \beta \circ \alpha - \beta \circ y \circ \alpha = 1_X + x - x \circ (1_X + x) = 1_X - x^2$ . The maximum of nilpotence exponents of  $-x^2$  and  $-y^2$  is smaller than that of  $x$  and  $y$  (since the latter was greater than 1). By induction, we are done.  $\square$

As a corollary, we immediately get:

**Proposition 2.2** *Let us be in the situation  $(\star)$ . Then the functor  $F$  defines a 1-to-1 correspondence  $Iso(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow Iso(\mathcal{D})$  between the set of isomorphism classes of objects of  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$ .*

**Proof:** By condition 0), our map  $Iso(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow Iso(\mathcal{D})$  is surjective, and by Lemma 2.1 and condition 1), it is injective.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.3** Suppose we are in the situation  $(\star)$ . Then  $F$  is surjective on projectors. That is, for any  $X \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$  and any projector  $p_{F(X)} \in \text{End}_{\mathcal{D}}(F(X))$  there exists projector  $p_X \in \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}}(X)$  such that  $F(p_X) = p_{F(X)}$ .

**Proof:** Since  $F$  is surjective on morphisms, there exists  $p \in \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}}(X)$  such that  $F(p) = p_{F(X)}$ .

Consider polynomials  $\phi_n(t)$ ,  $n \geq 1$  defined inductively as follows:  $\phi_1(t) = (2t - t^2)^2$ ,  $\phi_{n+1}(t) = \phi_1(\phi_n(t))$ . Now, it is sufficient to apply the following lemma to the homomorphism  $F_X : \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}}(X) \rightarrow \text{End}_{\mathcal{D}}(F(X))$ .

**Lemma 2.4** Let  $\pi : A \rightarrow B$  be a homomorphism of associative rings, such that  $\ker(\pi)$  consists of nilpotents. Let  $a \in A$ ,  $b \in B$  be such that  $\pi(a) = b$  and  $b$  is an idempotent. Then for sufficiently large  $n$ ,  $\phi_n(a)$  is an idempotent, and  $\pi(\phi_n(a)) = b$ .

**Proof:** Really, for arbitrary  $c \in A$  consider  $x(c) := c^2 - c$ . Then  $x(a)$  is nilpotent ( $b$  is idempotent). But  $x(\phi_1(c))$  is divisible by  $x(c)^2$  (in the commutative subring of  $A$  generated by  $c$ ). Thus,  $x(\phi_n(a))$  is divisible by  $x(a)^{2^n}$ , and so, is zero, for large  $n$ .  $\square$

Notice, that, after all,  $p_X$  can be expressed as a polynomial of  $p$  (with  $\mathbb{Z}$ -coefficients) without the constant term.  $\square$

In general, such lifting  $p_X$  is not unique. Nevertheless, the different liftings give isomorphic objects of the Karoubian envelope of  $\mathcal{C}$ .

Consider Karoubian envelopes  $\mathcal{PA}(\mathcal{C})$  and  $\mathcal{PA}(\mathcal{D})$  of the categories  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$ . We have natural functor  $\mathcal{PA}(F) : \mathcal{PA}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \mathcal{PA}(\mathcal{D})$ .

**Proposition 2.5** Suppose the functor  $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  satisfies the conditions  $(\star)$ . Then so does the functor  $\mathcal{PA}(F) : \mathcal{PA}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \mathcal{PA}(\mathcal{D})$ .

**Proof:** Condition 0): Any object of  $\mathcal{PA}(\mathcal{D})$  has the form  $(U, p_U)$ , where  $U \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{D})$  and  $p_U \in \text{End}_{\mathcal{D}}(U)$  is a projector. By condition 0), there exists  $X \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$  such that  $U$  is isomorphic to  $F(X)$ . Then there exists projector  $p_{F(X)} \in \text{End}_{\mathcal{D}}(F(X))$  such that  $(F(X), p_{F(X)})$  is isomorphic to  $(U, p_U)$  in  $\mathcal{PA}(\mathcal{D})$ . By Proposition 2.3, there exists projector  $p_X \in \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}}(X)$  such that  $(F(X), p_{F(X)}) = \mathcal{PA}(F)((X, p_X))$ .

Conditions 1) and 2) are satisfied since  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{PA}(\mathcal{E})}$  is naturally a quotient object and a subobject of  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{E}}$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.6** *Let the functor  $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  satisfies the conditions  $(\star)$ . Then the functor  $\mathcal{PA}(\mathcal{F})$  defines a 1-to-1 correspondence  $\text{Iso}(\mathcal{PA}(\mathcal{C})) \rightarrow \text{Iso}(\mathcal{PA}(\mathcal{D}))$  between the set of isomorphism classes of objects of the categories  $\mathcal{PA}(\mathcal{C})$  and  $\mathcal{PA}(\mathcal{D})$ .*

**Proof:** It follows immediately from Propositions 2.5 and 2.2.  $\square$

Let  $A^*(X) = A_{\dim(X)-*}(X)$  be a generalized oriented (co)homology theory, and  $fog_A : A^* \rightarrow \text{CH}^*$  be a morphism of oriented theories. As usually,  $A_* := A_*(\text{Spec}(k))$  will denote the coefficient ring. We say that the pair  $(A, fog_A)$  satisfies the conditions  $(\star, \star)$ , if

- (0)  $A_*(X)$  is zero in negative dimensions;
- (1) the maps

$$(fog_A)_0(\text{Spec}(k)) : A_0 \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}, \text{ and}$$

$$fog_A \otimes_{A_*} \mathbb{Z} : A_*(X) \otimes_{A_*} \mathbb{Z} = A_*(X)/A_{>0} \cdot A_*(X) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{CH}_*(X).$$

are isomorphisms.

When  $A^*(X) = \Omega^*(X)$  the algebraic cobordism defined by Morel and Levine, the condition  $(\star, \star)$  is satisfied by [2, Theorem 14.1]. For  $A^*(X) = MGL^{2*,*}(X)$  the condition is satisfied by Corollary 5.3. Note that  $A_*(X) = MGL^{2d-2*,d-*}(X)$  for  $d = \dim(X)$ , but we do not assume  $A_*(X) \cong MGL_{2*,*}(X)$  in this paper.

The morphism of oriented cohomology theories induces the functor between respective motivic categories, which we still denote by the same name  $fog_A : \text{Cor}_A^0 \rightarrow \text{Cor}_{\text{CH}}^0$ .

**Proposition 2.7** *If the pair  $(A^*(X), fog_A)$  satisfies  $(\star, \star)$ , then the functor  $fog_A : \text{Cor}_A^0 \rightarrow \text{Cor}_{\text{CH}}^0$  satisfies the conditions  $(\star)$ .*

**Proof:** Sets of objects of both categories are identified with the set of smooth projective varieties over  $k$ . Thus, the condition  $(\star)(0)$  is satisfied.

By definition, we can identify:  $\text{Hom}_{\text{Cor}_A^0}([X], [Y]) = A_{\dim(X)}(X \times Y)$ ,  $\text{Hom}_{\text{Cor}_{\text{CH}}^0}([X], [Y]) = \text{CH}_{\dim(X)}(X \times Y)$ , and  $fog_A$  corresponds to the natural projection  $A_{\dim(X)}(X \times Y) \rightarrow \text{CH}_{\dim(X)}(X \times Y)$ . By  $(\star, \star)(1)$ , such projection is surjective, and the condition  $(\star)(1)$  is satisfied.

The kernel  $\ker(End_{Cor_A^0}([X]) \rightarrow End_{Cor_{CH}^0}([X]))$  is identified with the kernel  $\ker(A_{\dim(X)}(X \times X) \rightarrow CH_{\dim(X)}(X \times X))$ , and the latter ideal coincides with the dimension  $= \dim(X)$  part of  $A_{\geq 1} \cdot A_*(X \times X)$ . Notice, that the composition product on  $A_*(X \times X)$  is  $A_*$ -linear. Let  $N > \dim(X)$ . Then  $\ker^{oN}$  is contained in the dimension  $= \dim(X)$  part of  $A_{>\dim(X)} \cdot A_*(X \times X)$ . But this part is zero, since  $A_d(Z) = 0$ , for any  $d < 0$  from condition  $(\star, \star)(0)$ . Thus, the condition  $(\star)(2)$  is satisfied as well.  $\square$

Proposition 2.7 and Corollary 2.6 imply:

**Corollary 2.8** *Let the pair  $(A^*(X), fog_A)$  satisfies  $(\star, \star)$ . Then the functor  $fog_A$  defines the natural 1-to-1 correspondence  $Iso(\mathcal{M}_A(k)) \rightarrow Iso(\mathcal{M}_{CH}(k))$  between the set of isomorphism classes of objects of  $\mathcal{M}_A(k)$  and  $\mathcal{M}_{CH}(k)$ . In particular, this is so for  $A^* = \Omega^*$  and  $MGL^{2*,*}$  with natural forgetful maps.*

**Proof:** We only need to remind that  $\mathcal{M}_A$  and  $\mathcal{M}_{CH}$  are just  $\mathcal{PA}(Cor_A^0)$  and  $\mathcal{PA}(Cor_{CH}^0)$ , respectively.  $\square$

Let us call the corresponding motive in  $\mathcal{M}_A$  by the same name we used to call it's projection to  $\mathcal{M}_{CH}$ . Thus, in  $\mathcal{M}_A$  we have Tate-motives, Rost-motives, etc. ... . Let us denote the lifting of the Tate-motive  $\mathbf{Z}(n)[2n]$  as  $\mathbf{A}(n)[2n]$ . If  $U$  is arbitrary object of  $\mathcal{M}_A(k)$ , we denote  $U \otimes \mathbf{A}(n)[2n]$  as  $U(n)[2n]$ . There is canonical up to sign identification:  $A^m(U(n)[2n]) = A^{m-n}(U)$ .

**Corollary 2.9** *Let  $(A^*(X), fog_A)$  be the pair satisfying  $(\star, \star)$ . Let  $X$  be smooth projective cellular variety. That is, there is a filtration  $X = X_0 \supset X_1 \supset \dots \supset X_n$  by closed subschemes such that for each  $i$ ,  $X_i \setminus X_{i+1}$  is a disjoint union  $\coprod_j \mathbb{A}^{r_j}$  of some affine spaces. Then  $M^A(X)$  is a direct sum of ( $\mathbf{A}$ -) Tate-motives.*

**Proof:** It is well-known that  $M^{CH}(X)$  is a direct sum of (Chow) Tate-motives. Indeed, by the result of V.Voevodsky,  $\mathcal{M}_{CH}(k)$  is a full additive subcategory of the triangulated category  $DM_{gm}(k)$  (see [26]). There is a “motive with compact support” functor  $M_c : Schm(k) \rightarrow DM_{gm}(k)$  from the category of schemes of finite type over  $k$  (with proper morphisms) to the category of geometric motives such that for smooth projective variety  $Y$ ,

$M_c(Y) = M^{CH}(Y)$  and  $M_c(\mathbb{A}^m) = \mathbf{Z}(m)[2m]$ . According to [26], we have exact triangles in  $DM_{gm}(k)$ :

$$M_c(X_{i+1}) \rightarrow M_c(X_i) \rightarrow M_c(X_i \setminus X_{i+1}) \rightarrow M_c(X_{i+1})[1].$$

Now using the fact that there is no hom's from  $\mathbf{Z}(s)[2s]$  to  $\mathbf{Z}(t)[2t+1]$  one easily proves by induction on  $i$  that  $M_c(X_i)$  is a direct sum of Tate-motives. Then, so is  $M^{CH}(X) = M_c(X_0)$ . Corollary 2.8 implies now that the same is true for  $M^A(X)$ .  $\square$

### 3 Pfister quadric and algebraic cobordisms

Let  $\alpha \in K_n^M(k)/2$  be a pure symbol, and  $Q_\alpha$  be the corresponding Pfister quadric of dimension  $2^n - 2$ .

In the next two sections we will compute the ring of algebraic cobordisms  $\Omega^*(Q_\alpha)$  of  $Q_\alpha$ . The main (and, basically, the only) tool we are using, is the fact that the motive of this variety can be decomposed into rather simple parts. Actually, one can notice, that we could as easily start just from a quadric of height one (the one which is split over own generic point), and use the results from [22].

We recall that the *Pfister neighbor* of  $Q_\alpha$  is any subquadric of  $Q_\alpha$  of dimension  $\geq 2^{n-1} - 1 = \dim(Q_\alpha)/2$ . The neighbour of dimension  $2^{n-1} - 1$  is called the *minimal* one.

It appears that the motive of a Pfister neighbor can be decomposed as follows:

**Theorem 3.1** (Rost [17], Hoffmann [4]) *Let  $\xi$  be a subform of the Pfister form  $q_\alpha$  of  $\dim(\xi) = 2^{n-1} + s, s > 0$  (i.e.,  $\xi$  is a neighbour of  $q_\alpha$ ). Let  $\eta$  be the complementary form ( $q_\alpha = \xi \perp \eta$ ). Then*

$$M^{CH}(X_\xi) = M_\alpha \otimes M^{CH}(\mathbb{P}^{s-1}) \oplus M^{CH}(X_\eta)(s)[2s],$$

where  $M_\alpha$  is, so-called, Rost motive motive such that

$$M_\alpha|_{\overline{k}} = \mathbf{Z} \oplus \mathbf{Z}(2^{n-1} - 1)[2^n - 2].$$

**Proof:** Rost proved in [17, Proposition 2.4] that the result holds if there is a form  $\eta$  over  $k$  such that  $\eta|_{k(q_\alpha)} = (\xi|_{k(q_\alpha)})_{aniso}$ . One could take  $\eta$  to

be a complementary form since  $q_\alpha|_{k(q_\alpha)}$  is hyperbolic. Here we see  $\eta|_{k(q_\alpha)}$  is anisotropic by the following result of Hoffmann (Theorems 1 in [4]): if  $q, q'$  are anisotropic forms over  $k$  such that  $\dim(q) > 2^{n-1} \geq \dim(q')$ , then  $q'|_{k(q)}$  is anisotropic.  $\square$

In particular,

$$M^{CH}(Q_\alpha) \cong M_\alpha \otimes M^{CH}(\mathbb{P}^{2^{n-1}-1}). \quad (1)$$

The Rost motive have natural maps

$$\phi : M_\alpha \rightarrow \mathbf{Z} \quad \text{and} \quad \psi : \mathbf{Z}(2^{n-1} - 1)[2^n - 2] \rightarrow M_\alpha,$$

which over the algebraic closure give the decompostion of  $M_\alpha$  into the direct sum of two Tate-motives. If we consider  $M_\alpha$  as a direct summand in  $M^{CH}(P_\alpha)$  for a minimal Pfister neighbor  $P_\alpha$ , then  $\phi = \pi \circ i_{M_\alpha}$ ,  $\psi = p_{M_\alpha} \circ \pi^\vee$ , where  $i_{M_\alpha}$  and  $p_{M_\alpha}$  are the maps defining  $M_\alpha$  as a direct summand of  $M^{CH}(P_\alpha)$ ,  $\pi$  is induced by the projection  $P_\alpha \rightarrow \text{Spec}(k)$ , and  $\vee$  denotes the dual morphism.

In Voevodsky triangulated category of motives  $DM^{eff}(k)$ ,  $M_\alpha$  can be presented as an extension

$$\text{Cone}[-1](M(\check{C}(Q_\alpha)) \rightarrow M(\check{C}(Q_\alpha))(2^{n-1} - 1)[2^n - 1]), \quad (2)$$

where  $M(\check{C}(Q_\alpha))$  is a motive of a smooth simplicial scheme associated to the morphism  $Q_\alpha \rightarrow \text{Spec}(k)$  - it is an object of  $DM^{eff}(k)$  which becomes isomorphic to a trivial Tate motive as soon as  $Q_\alpha$  acquires a point (that is, the symbol  $\alpha$  splits) - see [27]. The respective maps  $M_\alpha \rightarrow M(\check{C}(Q_\alpha))$  and  $M(\check{C}(Q_\alpha))(2^{n-1} - 1)[2^n - 2] \rightarrow M_\alpha$  are obtained from  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  above.

By Corollary 2.8,  $M^\Omega(Q_\alpha) \cong M_\alpha^\Omega \otimes M^\Omega(\mathbb{P}^{2^{n-1}-1})$ . We still call  $M_\alpha^\Omega$  the Rost-motive, although, now it is an object of  $\mathcal{M}_\Omega(k)$ . Let  $\mathbb{L} = \Omega_*(\text{Spec}(k))$  be the Lazard ring (see [8]). Denote as  $\mathbf{L}(n)[2n]$  the lift to  $\mathcal{M}_\Omega(k)$  of the Tate motive  $\mathbf{Z}(n)[2n]$ . Clearly,

$$M_\alpha^\Omega|_{\overline{k}} = \mathbf{L} \oplus \mathbf{L}(2^{n-1} - 1)[2^n - 2].$$

Then  $\Omega^*(M_\alpha^\Omega(i)[2i]|_{\overline{k}})$  considered as a direct summand of  $\Omega^*(Q_\alpha|_{\overline{k}})$  can be identified with  $e^{2^{n-1}-1-i} \cdot \mathbb{L} \oplus e_i \cdot \mathbb{L}$ , where  $\{e^i, e_i\}_{i=0, \dots, 2^{n-1}-1}$  form an  $\mathbb{L}$ -basis of  $\Omega_*(Q_\alpha|_{\overline{k}})$  with  $fog(e_i) = l_i$ ,  $fog(e^i) = h^i$  (here  $l_i$  and  $h^i$  are the classes of

a projective subspace of dimension  $j$ , and a plane section of codimension  $j$ , respectively).

Let  $h^j \in \Omega^j(Q_\alpha|_{\bar{k}})$  be the plane section of codimension  $j$ , and  $\rho_j$  be the projector defining  $M_\alpha^\Omega(2^{n-1} - 1 - j)[2^n - 2 - 2j]$  inside  $M^\Omega(Q_\alpha)$ . Since  $\rho(h^j) = e^j + \lambda \cdot e_{2^{n-1}-1-j}$ , for certain  $\lambda \in \mathbb{L}$ , we can choose  $e^j$  equal to  $\rho_j(h^j)$ , and it will be defined over the base field.

Consider the base-extention map  $ac^\Omega : \Omega^*(U) \rightarrow \Omega^*(U|_{\bar{k}})$ . Let us denote its image as  $\overline{\Omega}^*(U)$ .

**Statement 3.2**  $\overline{\Omega}^*(Q_\alpha) = (\oplus_{i=0}^{2^{n-1}-1} \mathbb{L}e^i) \oplus (\oplus_{i=0}^{2^{n-1}-1} Je_i)$ , where  $J \subset \mathbb{L}$  is some ideal.

**Proof:** Really, since  $e^i$  are defined over  $k$ ,  $\overline{\Omega}^*(M_\alpha^\Omega) = \mathbb{L}e^{2^{n-1}-1} \oplus Je_0$ , for some ideal  $J \subset \mathbb{L}$ . Then  $\overline{\Omega}^*(M_\alpha^\Omega(i)[2i]) = \mathbb{L}e^{2^{n-1}-1-i} \oplus Je_i$  and the statement follows.  $\square$

We need now to compute  $J$ .

Let us remind some facts about the Lazard ring  $\mathbb{L}$  ([15],[10]). Let  $X$  be smooth projective variety over  $k$ . Its characteristic numbers of degree  $d$  are parametrized by partitions of  $d$ . That is, by sequences  $\psi = (\psi_1, \dots, \psi_r)$ , where  $\psi_1 \geq \psi_2 \geq \dots \geq \psi_r$  and  $\psi_1 + \dots + \psi_r = |\psi| = d$ . To each  $\psi$  one assigns smallest symmetric polynomial  $\sum_{(i_1, \dots, i_r)} x_{i_1}^{\psi_1} \dots x_{i_r}^{\psi_r} = R_\psi(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_d)$  containing the monomial  $x_1^{\psi_1} \dots x_r^{\psi_r}$ . Set

$$c_\psi(-T_X) = R_\psi(c_1, \dots, c_d) \in CH^d(X)$$

where  $c_i$  is the  $i$ -th Chern class of the (virtual) normal bundle  $-T_X$  on  $X$ .

The partitions (of all degrees) parametrize a  $\mathbf{Z}$ -basis of the polynomial ring  $\mathbf{Z}[b_1, b_2, \dots] = \mathbf{Z}[\mathbf{b}]$  by the rule  $b_\psi := b_{\psi_1} \dots b_{\psi_r}$ . If we assign degree  $s$  to  $b_s$ , then the degree  $b_\psi$  will be  $|\psi|$ .

There is an embedding of rings  $\mathbb{L} \xhookrightarrow{j} \mathbf{Z}[\mathbf{b}]$  defined by

$$X \mapsto \sum_{|\psi|=dim(X)} \deg(c_\psi(-T_X) \cap [X]) b_\psi$$

where  $[X] \in CH^0(X)$  is the fundamental class of our manifold ([1, 15]).

Denote as  $I(p)$  the preimage under this embedding of the prime ideal  $p\mathbf{Z}[\mathbf{b}]$ . In other words, it is an ideal consisting of classes of varieties, all

characteristic numbers of which are divisible by  $p$ . It is clearly a prime ideal. Denote as  $I(p, n)$  the subideal of  $I(p)$  generated by the elements of dimension  $\leq p^n - 1$ . On  $\mathbb{L}$  we have the action of Landweber-Novikov operations. By the theorem of Landweber [6], the only prime ideals stable under such operations are  $I(p, n)$ , for all prime  $p$  and all  $0 \leq n \leq \infty$  (here  $I(p, \infty) = I(p)$ ).

There is an isomorphism  $\mathbb{L} \cong \mathbf{Z}[x_1, x_2, \dots]$ , where  $x_i$  can be chosen in such a way, that

$$(*) \quad j(x_i) = \begin{cases} p(b_i + \text{decomposable terms}) & , \text{ if } i = p^t - 1 \\ b_i + \text{decomposable terms} & , \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

(where  $p$  are prime numbers). Thus, the ideal  $I(p, n)$  is generated by  $x_{p^i - 1}$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq n$ :

$$I(p, n) = (p, x_{p-1}, \dots, x_{p^n - 1})$$

( see Landweber [6]). In Section 5.1 bellow we will use notation  $v_i$  for  $x_{p^i - 1}$  (when prime  $p$  is fixed).

Let  $X$  be smooth projective variety over  $k$ . Following V.Voevodsky, M.Rost, A.Merkurjev, M.Levine and F.Morel, we define the ideal  $I(X) \subset \mathbb{L}$  as the image of  $\pi_* : \Omega_*(X) \rightarrow \Omega_*(\text{Spec}(k)) = \mathbb{L}$ .

If  $X$  has rational point, then, clearly,  $I(X) = \mathbb{L}$ .

From  $(*)$  one can also obtain:

**Statement 3.3** *The ideal  $I(2, r) \subset \mathbb{L}$  is generated by  $[Q_{2^i - 1}]$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq r$ , where  $Q_s$  is quadric of dimension  $s$ .*

Now we can compute  $I(Q)$  for anisotropic quadric  $Q$ .

**Theorem 3.4** *Let  $Q$  be an anisotropic quadric such that  $2^m - 1 \leq \dim(Q) < 2^{m+1} - 1$ . Then  $I(Q) = I(2, m)$ .*

**Proof:** Since  $Q$  is anisotropic,  $I(Q) \subset I(2)$ . Really, if there is a map  $X \rightarrow Q$ , and some characteristic number of  $X$  is odd, then on  $X$  there is a zero cycle of odd degree. Then such cycle exists on  $Q$ , which contradicts anisotropy, by the Theorem of Springer.

On the other hand,  $[Q_s] \in I(Q)$ , for all  $0 \leq s \leq \dim(Q)$  (plane sections), and thus,  $I(2, m) \subset I(Q)$ . But, by the result of M.Levine and F.Morel [7, Theorem 4.1] ([9, Theorem 3.1]),  $\Omega^*(Q)$  as  $\mathbb{L}$ -module is generated by the elements of dimension  $\leq \dim(Q)$  and, at the same time, by the Statement

3.3,  $I(2)_{<2^{m+1}-1} = I(2, m)_{<2^{m+1}-1}$ . Since  $I(2, m) \subset I(Q) \subset I(2)$ , it follows that  $I(Q) = I(2, m)$ .  $\square$

Let us study the ideal  $J$ . Together with the quadric  $Q_\alpha$  we can consider quadric  $P_\alpha$  given by the smallest neighbour  $p_\alpha$  of the Pfister form  $q_\alpha$ . By Theorem 3.1,  $M_\alpha$  is a direct summand of  $M^{CH}(P_\alpha)$ . By Corollary 2.8,  $M_\alpha^\Omega$  is a direct summand of  $M^\Omega(P_\alpha)$ .

By the Statement 3.2, the ideal  $I(2, n-1) = I(Q_\alpha)$  is generated by  $J$  and the images of  $e^i$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq 2^{n-1} - 1$  (notice that  $\Omega_*(\text{Spec}(k)) = \Omega_*(\text{Spec}(\bar{k}))$ ). Since the dimensions of  $e^i$  are greater or equal  $2^{n-1} - 1$ ,  $J \supset I(2, n-2)$ .

On the other hand, by [7, Theorem 4.1]([9, Theorem 3.1]),  $\Omega^*(X)/\mathbb{L}_{>0} \cdot \Omega^*(X) \cong CH^*(X)$ , and thus, there is a surjection

$$CH^*(X) \twoheadrightarrow \overline{\Omega}^*(X)/\mathbb{L}_{>0} \cdot \overline{\Omega}^*(X).$$

In particular, for  $j \geq 2^{n-1} - 1$ , we get a surjection

$$CH_j(M_\alpha) \twoheadrightarrow (\mathbb{L}/\mathbb{L}_{>0} \cdot \mathbb{L})_{j-2^{n-1}+1} \cdot e^{2^{n-1}-1} \oplus (J/\mathbb{L}_{>0} \cdot J)_j \cdot e_0.$$

Since  $CH_j(M_\alpha)$  is a direct summand of  $CH^{2^{n-1}-1-j}(P_\alpha)$ , and the latter group is either cyclic, or trivial, we get:  $(J/\mathbb{L}_{>0} \cdot J)_j = 0$ , for any  $j \geq 2^{n-1} - 1$ . Hence,  $J \subset I(2, n-2)$ , which implies  $J = I(2, n-2)$ .

**Theorem 3.5** *Let  $\alpha \in K_n^M(k)/2$  be nonzero pure symbol, and  $Q_\alpha$  be the corresponding Pfister quadric. Then  $\overline{\Omega}^*(Q_\alpha)$  coincides with*

$$(\bigoplus_{0 \leq i \leq 2^{n-1}-1} \mathbb{L} \cdot e^i) \oplus (\bigoplus_{0 \leq j \leq 2^{n-1}-1} I(2, n-2) \cdot e_j),$$

where  $e^i$  is the class of the plane section of codimension  $i$ , and  $e_j$  is the class of the projective subspace of dimension  $j$  in  $Q_\alpha|_{\bar{k}}$ .

**Proof:** We already know that  $\overline{\Omega}^*$  has this kind of decomposition, but about  $e^i$  and  $e_j$  we know only that  $fog(e_j) = l_j$ ,  $fog(e^i) = h^i$ , and classes  $e^i$  are defined over  $k$ . Let us denote classes of plane sections and projective subspaces in  $\Omega^*(Q_\alpha|_{\bar{k}})$  by the same symbols  $h^j$  and  $l_i$ .

Since  $e_i$  differs from  $l_i$  by some  $\mathbb{L}$ -linear combination of  $l_0, \dots, l_{i-1}$ , we have:  $I(2, n-2)((\bigoplus_{0 \leq m < i} l_m) \oplus e_i) = I(2, n-2)(\bigoplus_{0 \leq m \leq i} l_m)$ , and one can assume that  $e_i = l_i$ .

The difference  $e^i - h^i$  is equal to  $\sum_{i < j \leq 2^{n-1}-1} \lambda_j h^j + \sum_{0 \leq m \leq 2^{n-1}-1} \mu_m l_m$  and is defined over the base field  $k$ . Then  $\mu_m \in I(2, n-2)$  and we can substitute  $e^i$  by  $h^i$ .  $\square$

## 4 Injectivity

The aim of this section is to show that the map  $ac : \Omega^*(Q_\alpha) \rightarrow \Omega^*(Q_\alpha|_{\bar{k}})$  is injective, which together with the Theorem 3.5 will give a computation of  $\Omega^*(Q_\alpha)$ .

Remind, that we have natural maps  $\mathbf{L} \xleftarrow{\phi} M_\alpha^\Omega \xleftarrow{\psi} \mathbf{L}(2^{n-1} - 1)[2^n - 2]$ , which, restricted to  $\bar{k}$ , give the splitting  $M_\alpha^\Omega|_{\bar{k}} = \mathbf{L} \oplus \mathbf{L}(2^{n-1} - 1)[2^n - 2]$ .

**Lemma 4.1** *Let  $P$  be arbitrary subquadric of  $P_\alpha$ . Then the maps*

$M^\Omega(P) \xleftarrow{id \otimes \phi} M^\Omega(P) \otimes M_\alpha^\Omega$  and  $M^\Omega(P) \otimes M_\alpha^\Omega \xleftarrow{id \otimes \psi} M^\Omega(P)(2^{n-1} - 1)[2^n - 2]$  have splittings, and

$$M^\Omega(P) \otimes M_\alpha^\Omega \cong M^\Omega(P) \oplus M^\Omega(P)(2^{n-1} - 1)[2^n - 2].$$

**Proof:** Denote  $d_\alpha := \dim(P_\alpha) = 2^{n-1} - 1$ , and  $d := \dim(P)$ . Let  $p_{M_\alpha} : M^\Omega(P_\alpha) \rightarrow M_\alpha^\Omega$  and  $i_{M_\alpha} : M_\alpha^\Omega \rightarrow M^\Omega(P_\alpha)$  be the maps defining the Rost motive as the direct summand of the motive of  $P_\alpha$ . The splitting  $s_P : M^\Omega(P) \rightarrow M^\Omega(P) \otimes M_\alpha^\Omega$  is given by the composition:

$$M^\Omega(P) \xrightarrow{\Delta} M^\Omega(P \times P) \xrightarrow{id \otimes emb} M^\Omega(P \times P_\alpha) \xrightarrow{id \otimes p_{M_\alpha}} M^\Omega(P) \otimes M_\alpha^\Omega.$$

It follows just from the fact that the composition  $M^\Omega(P_\alpha) \xrightarrow{p_{M_\alpha}} M_\alpha^\Omega \xrightarrow{\phi} \mathbf{L}$  is induced by the projection  $P_\alpha \rightarrow \text{Spec}(k)$ . Analogously, the splitting  $t_P : M^\Omega(P) \otimes M_\alpha^\Omega \rightarrow M^\Omega(P)(d_\alpha)[2d_\alpha]$  is given by the composition:

$$\begin{aligned} M^\Omega(P) \otimes M_\alpha^\Omega &\xrightarrow{id \otimes i_{M_\alpha}} M^\Omega(P \times P_\alpha) \xrightarrow{(id \otimes emb)^\vee} M^\Omega(P \times P)(d_\alpha - d)[2(d_\alpha - d)] \\ &\xrightarrow{\Delta^\vee} M^\Omega(P)(d_\alpha)[2d_\alpha], \end{aligned}$$

where for  $\varphi : M(X) \rightarrow M(Y)(r)[2r]$  represented by the map  $W \rightarrow X \times Y$ , the dual map  $\varphi^\vee : M(Y) \rightarrow M(X)(d+r)[2(d+r)]$  is represented by the composition  $W \rightarrow X \times Y \xrightarrow{s_{1,2}} Y \times X$  (here  $d = \dim(Y) - \dim(X)$ ).

Since  $(id \otimes \phi) \circ (id \otimes \psi) = 0$ ,  $M^\Omega(P) \otimes M_\alpha^\Omega$  contains direct summand  $M^\Omega(P) \oplus M^\Omega(P)(d_\alpha)[2d_\alpha]$ . Let  $N$  be the complimentary summand. In view of Corollary 2.8, to prove that  $N = 0$ , it is sufficient to show that  $fog(N) \in \mathcal{M}_{CH}(k)$  is zero.

Since  $M_\alpha^{CH}|_{\bar{k}} = \mathbf{Z} \oplus \mathbf{Z}(2^{n-1} - 1)[2^n - 2]$ , the restriction  $fog(N)|_{\bar{k}}$  is zero. But it follows from the Rost Nilpotence Theorem (see [18, Proposition 9])

that the motive of the product of quadrics does not contain *phantom* direct summands, that is, nonzero direct summands which become zero when restricted to  $\bar{k}$ . Thus,  $N = 0$ .  $\square$

**Remark:** In [18, Proposition 9] the Nilpotence Theorem is formulated only for the case of motives of quadrics, but (some modification of) the proof works as well for the motives of products of quadrics (cf. the proof of [3, Theorem 8.2]). Another proof of Lemma 4.1 can be easily obtained from the presentation (2) in Section 3.

**Lemma 4.2** *Let  $R$  be smooth projective variety of dimension  $d < 2^{n-1} - 1$  such that the projection  $M^\Omega(R) \leftarrow M^\Omega(R) \otimes M_\alpha^\Omega$  has a splitting  $s$  and  $M^\Omega(R) \otimes M_\alpha^\Omega \cong M^\Omega(R) \oplus M^\Omega(R)(2^{n-1} - 1)[2^n - 2]$ . Then such splitting is unique.*

**Proof:** The uniqueness follows from the fact that

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}_\Omega}(M^\Omega(R), M^\Omega(R)(2^{n-1} - 1)[2^n - 2]) = \Omega^{d+2^{n-1}-1}(R \times R) = 0,$$

by the dimensional considerations.  $\square$

Let  $Q_{2^i-1}$  be a subquadric of  $P_\alpha$  of dimension  $2^i - 1$ , where  $0 \leq i \leq n-2$ . Let  $\pi_i : M^\Omega(Q_{2^i-1}) \otimes M_\alpha^\Omega \rightarrow M_\alpha^\Omega$  be the projection, and  $s_i : M^\Omega(Q_{2^i-1}) \rightarrow M^\Omega(Q_{2^i-1}) \otimes M_\alpha^\Omega$  be the splitting from Lemma 4.1. Applying Lemma 4.2 to the case  $R = Q_{2^i-1}$ , we get that  $s_i$  is unique.

Denote as  $c_i$  the element  $(\pi_i)_*(s_i)_*([1_{Q_{2^i-1}}]) \in \Omega_{2^i-1}(M_\alpha^\Omega)$ . Notice, that  $c_i$  is just  $p_{M_\alpha*}([Q_{2^i-1} \subset P_\alpha])$ , where  $[Q_{2^i-1} \subset P_\alpha] \in \Omega_{2^i-1}(P_\alpha)$  is the class of our subquadric. These classes satisfy the following equations:

**Proposition 4.3**  $c_i \cdot [Q_{2^j-1}] = c_j \cdot [Q_{2^i-1}]$ , where  $[Q_r] \in \Omega_r(\text{Spec}(k)) = \mathbb{L}$  is the class of the quadric of dimension  $r$ .

**Proof:**

Consider the diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M^\Omega(Q_{2^i-1} \times Q_{2^j-1}) \otimes M_\alpha^\Omega & \xrightarrow{\pi'_i} & M^\Omega(Q_{2^j-1}) \otimes M_\alpha^\Omega \\ \pi'_j \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi_j \\ M^\Omega(Q_{2^i-1}) \otimes M_\alpha^\Omega & \xrightarrow{\pi_i} & M_\alpha^\Omega. \end{array}$$

From Lemma 4.1 it follows that the variety  $R = Q_{2^i-1} \times Q_{2^j-1}$  satisfies the conditions of Lemma 4.2. (Indeed, if variety  $X$  satisfies these conditions, then variety  $X \times Y$  satisfies them too (for any  $Y$ ) - just multiply the old splitting by  $id_Y$ .) It follows from Lemma 4.2 that the splittings  $s_i \otimes id_{M^\Omega(Q_{2^j-1})}$  and  $s_j \otimes id_{M^\Omega(Q_{2^i-1})}$  coincide and are equal to the unique splitting  $s$  for the variety  $Q_{2^i-1} \times Q_{2^j-1}$ . Consequently,  $(\pi'_j)^*(s_i)_*(1) = s_*(1) = (\pi'_i)^*(s_j)_*(1)$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} c_i \cdot [Q_{2^j-1}] &= (\pi_j)_*(\pi_j)^*(c_i) = (\pi_j)_*(\pi_j)^*(\pi_i)_*(s_i)_*(1) = \\ &(\pi_j)_*(\pi'_i)_*(\pi'_j)^*(s_i)_*(1) = (\pi_j)_*(\pi'_i)_*(\pi'_i)^*(s_j)_*(1) = \\ &(\pi_j)_*(s_j)_*(1) \cdot [Q_{2^i-1}] = c_j \cdot [Q_{2^i-1}]. \end{aligned}$$

□

Let  $A \subset \Omega^*(M_\alpha^\Omega)$  be the ideal generated by the elements  $c_i$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq n-2$  and by  $e^{2^{n-1}-1}$  (the generic cycle of the Rost motive). Consider  $\overline{A} \subset \Omega^*(M_\alpha^\Omega|_{\overline{k}}) = \mathbb{L} \cdot e_0 \oplus \mathbb{L} \cdot e^{2^{n-1}-1}$  - the image of  $A$  under the natural extension of scalars map  $ac$ . Since  $c_i$  is just  $p_{M_\alpha*}([Q_{2^i-1} \subset P_\alpha])$ , clearly,  $ac(c_i) = [Q_{2^i-1}] \cdot e_0$ . Since  $j([Q_{2^i-1}]) = \lambda \cdot b_{2^i-1} + \text{decomposable terms}$ , where  $\lambda \in \mathbf{Z}$  is odd, the elements  $[Q_{2^i-1}]$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq n-2$  form a regular sequence in  $\mathbb{L}$ . It follows from Proposition 4.3 that the map  $ac : A \rightarrow \overline{A}$  is an isomorphism.

The Chow groups of  $M_\alpha^{CH}$  were computed by M.Rost in [17]. His result is:

$$CH^*(M_\alpha^{CH}) = \mathbb{Z} \cdot fog(c_0) \oplus \mathbb{Z} \cdot e^{2^{n-1}-1} \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{i=1}^{n-2} \mathbb{Z}/2 \cdot fog(c_i) \right). \quad (3)$$

This shows that the composition  $A \rightarrow \Omega^*(M_\alpha^\Omega) \rightarrow CH^*(M_\alpha^{CH})$  is surjective. Since  $CH^*(M_\alpha^{CH}) = \Omega^*(M_\alpha^\Omega)/\mathbb{L}^{<0}\Omega^*(M_\alpha^\Omega)$ , and  $\Omega^*(M_\alpha^\Omega)$  is a positively (by dimension) graded module, we get  $A = \Omega^*(M_\alpha^\Omega)$ . So, we have proved:

**Proposition 4.4** *The map  $ac : \Omega^*(Q_\alpha) \rightarrow \Omega^*(Q_\alpha|_{\overline{k}})$  is injective, and Theorem 3.5 describes  $\Omega^*(Q_\alpha)$ .*

**Remark:** It should be noticed, that an alternative proof of Proposition 4.4 can be obtained with the help of *symmetric operations* (see [24] and [23]). It has an advantage of being independent from the computations of [17]. In turn, it gives a new way to compute the Chow groups of a Pfister quadric.

Recall the motivic cobordism theory  $MGL^{*,*}(X)$  defined by V.Voevodsky. Notice, that  $MGL^{2*,*}(X)$  is an oriented generalised cohomology theory. Moreover, by the universality of  $\Omega^*(X)$  for oriented cohomologies, there is the

natural map ([8])

$$\rho_{MGL} : \Omega^*(X) \rightarrow MGL^{2*,*}(X)$$

which is epic from Corollary 5.2. It follows then from the naturality of the realization map  $t_{\mathbb{C}}$ , and [8, Theorem 12.6] that the natural maps

$$\Omega^{-*}(pt.) \xrightarrow{\rho_{MGL}} MGL^{-2*,-*}(pt.) \xrightarrow{t_{\mathbb{C}}} \mathbb{L}_*$$

are isomorphisms. In particular, from Corollary 2.9, the map  $\rho_{MGL}$  is isomorphic for  $X = Q_\alpha|_{\bar{k}}$ . Hence we easily see

**Corollary 4.5**  $\Omega^*(Q_\alpha) \cong MGL^{2*,*}(Q_\alpha)$ .

Infact, almost all arguments in Sections 3,4 work also for  $MGL^{2*,*}(X)$ . However, in the next sections we will give another method of computing this ring by means of the Atiyah-Hirzebruch spectral sequence.

## 5 Atiyah-Hirzebruch spectral sequence

In this section we consider the Atiyah-Hirzebruch spectral sequences (AHss) for genealized motivic cohomologies related to the spectrum  $MGL$  constructed by Voevodsky ([25]). Since we are using the cohomology operations, below we mainly work with cohomology theories.

In the current section,  $p$  is a fixed prime number. Let  $k$  be a subfield of the complex number field  $\mathbb{C}$ , and  $t_{\mathbb{C}}$  be the induced realization map (see [25]). As explained in the preceding sections, there are maps of oriented cohomology theories

$$\Omega^*(X) \xrightarrow{\rho_{MGL}} MGL^{2*,*}(X) \xrightarrow{t_{\mathbb{C}}} MU^{2*}(X(\mathbb{C}))$$

where  $MU^{2*}(X(\mathbb{C}))$  is the complex cobordim ring of the manifold of  $\mathbb{C}$ -rational points of  $X$ . Recall that the complex cobordism ring of one point ([15],[12],[20]) is

$$\mathbb{L}_{-*} \cong MU^{2*}(pt.) = MU^{2*} \cong \mathbf{Z}[x_1, x_2, \dots], \quad \deg(x_i) = |x_i| = -2i.$$

So we have the map  $i : \mathbb{L}_{-*} \cong MU^{2*} \rightarrow MGL^{2*,*}(pt.)$  such that  $t_{\mathbb{C}}i$  is the identity on  $MU^{2*}$ . Moreover  $MU^{2*} \cong MGL^{2*,*}(pt.)$  by Corollary 5.2 bellow and the naturality of  $t_{\mathbb{C}}$ .

The following results taken from §3 of [31]. Let us denote as  $AMU$  the spectrum  $MGL_{(p)}$  representing the motivic cobordism theory. Of course,  $t_{\mathbb{C}}(AMU) = MU_{(p)}$ . Since  $MGL^{*,*}(X)$  is a multiplicative cohomology theory, we know it is an  $MGL^{*,*}(pt.)$ -module, and hence, an  $MU^*$ -module. Given a regular sequence  $S_n = (s_1, \dots, s_n)$  with  $s_i \in MU_{(p)}^*$ , we can inductively construct the  $AMU$ -module spectrum (for the details of this construction see §4 in [2] or [5]) by the cofibering of spectra

$$\mathbb{T}^{-1/2|s_i|} \wedge AMU(S_{i-1}) \xrightarrow{\times s_i} AMU(S_{i-1}) \rightarrow AMU(S_i)$$

where  $\mathbb{T} = S_s^1 \wedge S_t^1$  so that  $M(\mathbb{T}) = \mathbf{Z}(1)[2]$ . For the original (topological) constructions, see [16] or [19]. Here we note that we do not assume  $AMU(S)$  are  $AMU$ -ring spectra.

Hence we get the generalized cohomology theory  $AMU(S_n)^{*,*}(X)$  such that

$$t_{\mathbb{C}}(AMU(S_n)) \cong MU(S_n) \quad \text{with } MU(S_n)^* = MU^*/(\text{Ideal}(S_n)).$$

This way, we can construct spectra  $ABP, Ak(n), AH\mathbf{Z}, AH\mathbf{Z}/p$  so that  $t_{\mathbb{C}}(Ah) \cong h$  for  $h = BP, k(n), \dots$ . Recall that  $BP = MU(x_i | i \neq p^j - 1)_{(p)}$  and  $BP^* = \mathbf{Z}_{(p)}[v_1, v_2, \dots]$ , where we denote  $x_{p^i-1}$  as  $v_i$ . (See [16], [19] for their topological cases.)

**Remark.** It follows from the Statement 3.3 , that in the case  $p = 2$  we can take  $v_i = [Q_{2^i-1}]$ .

One of important results for these cohomology theories is that in the  $\mathbb{A}^1$ -stable homotopy category, we get  $H_{\mathbf{Z}/p} \cong AH\mathbf{Z}/p = AMU(p, x_1, x_2, \dots)$ , e.g.,  $AH\mathbf{Z}/p^{*,*}(X) \cong H^{*,*}(X; \mathbf{Z}/p)$  (Theorem 3.3 in [31]).

If  $S \subset (p, x_1, \dots, x_n, \dots)$ , then we have the natural map of spectra

$$AMU(S) \rightarrow AMU(p, \dots) = H\mathbf{Z}/p \quad (AMU(S) \rightarrow H\mathbf{Z}_{(p)} \text{ if } p \notin S).$$

In such a case, we can construct the AHss. (The  $MGL$  case of this spectral sequence was constructed by Hopkins and Morel.)

**Theorem 5.1** (Theorem 3.5 in [31]) *Let  $Ah = AMU(S)$  for some regular sequence of generators  $S = (a_1, \dots)$ ,  $a_j = x_{i_j} \in MU_{(p)}^*$ . Then there is the (natural  $MU_{(p)}^*$ -module) Atiyah-Hirzebruch spectral sequence*

$$E(Ah)_2^{(m,n,2n')} = H^{m,n}(X; h^{2n'}) \implies Ah^{m+2n', n+n'}(X)$$

with the differential  $d_{2r+1} : E_{2r+1}^{(m,n,2n')} \rightarrow E_{2r+1}^{(m+2r+1, n+r, 2n'-2r)}$ .

## Remarks.

- 1) The cohomology  $H^{m,n}(X, h^{2n'})$  here is the usual motivic cohomology with coefficients in the abelian group  $h^{2n'}$ , e.g., if  $h^{2n'}$  is  $\mathbf{Z}/p$ -module, then  $H^{m,n}(X; h^{2n'}) \cong H^{m,n}(X; \mathbf{Z}/p) \otimes h^{2n'}$ . In particular, if  $X$  is smooth, then  $E_r^{m,n,2n'} \cong 0$  for  $m > 2n$ .

- 2) The convergence in AHss means that there is the filtration

$$Ah^{*,*'}(X) = F_0^{*,*'} \supset F_1^{*,*'} \supset F_2^{*,*'} \supset \dots$$

such that  $F_i^{*,*'} / F_{i+1}^{*,*'} \cong E_\infty^{*+2i, *'+i, -2i}$ .

- 3) Let  $S = (x_{i_1}, \dots) \subset R = (x_{j_1}, \dots)$ . Then the induced map  $AMU(S) \rightarrow AMU(R)$  of spectra induces the natural  $MU_{(p)}^*$ -module map of AHss

$$E(AMU(S))_r^{*,*,*} \rightarrow E(AMU(R))_r^{*,*,*}.$$

Let us denote *first.deg* as  $[deg]$ , the *second.deg* as  $(deg)$ , and, finally, denote

$$w(x) = -[deg](x) + 2(deg)(x),$$

so that  $w(x) \geq 0$  for nonzero element  $x$  in the spectral sequences (or cohomology theories) for a smooth  $X$ . Moreover, note that  $w(d_r) = -1$  and *third.deg* $(d_r) = -r + 1 < 0$ .

**Corollary 5.2** *If  $h^0 \cong \mathbf{Z}_{(p)}$ , then for any smooth  $X$ , the natural map*

$$Ah^{2*,*}(X) \otimes_{MU_{(p)}^*} \mathbf{Z}_{(p)} \cong CH^*(X)_{(p)}$$

*is an isomorphism*

**Proof:** First note, that  $E_2^{*,*,0} \cong H^{*,*}(X)_{(p)} \otimes h^0 \cong H^{*,*}(X)_{(p)}$ . In particular, we can identify  $E_2^{2*,*,0} \cong CH^*(X)_{(p)}$ . For element  $x \in E_r^{2*,*,*''}$  (i.e.,  $w(x) = 0$ ), we have  $d_r(x) = 0$  since  $w(d_r(x)) = -1 < 0$ . Thus,  $E_r^{2*,*,*''}$  is a quotient of  $E_2^{2*,*,*''}$ . But we also know that  $Im(d_r) \subset E_r^{*,*,<0}$ . Hence,

$$E_2^{2*,*,0} = E_\infty^{2*,*,0} \cong F_0^{2*,*} / F_1^{2*,*} \subset gr Ah^{2*,*}(X),$$

where we identify  $E_\infty^{*,*,*}$  with  $gr Ah^{*,*}(X)$ . The isomorphism  $h^{<0} E_\infty^{2*,*,0} = E_\infty^{2*,*,<0}$  is written  $h^{<0}(F_0^{2*,*} / F_1^{2*,*}) = \bigoplus_{i \geq 1} F_i^{2*,*} / F_{i+1}^{2*,*}$  by the definition of the filtration (2). Of course  $F_i \supset F_{i+1}$ , we see  $h^{<0} F_0^{2*,*} = F_1^{2*,*}$ . Thus we have  $Ah^{2*,*}(X) \otimes_{MU^*} \mathbf{Z}_{(p)} \cong F_0^{2*,*} / F_1^{2*,*} \cong CH^*(X)_{(p)}$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 5.3** *Let  $Ah^{2*,*}(X)$  be the generalized cohomology theory from Theorem 5.1. Moreover, suppose that  $Ah^{*,*}(X)$  is multiplicative and  $h^0 \cong \mathbf{Z}_{(p)}$  is satisfied. Then the condition  $(\star, \star)$  from Section 2 is satisfied for  $A^*(X) = Ah^{2*,*}(X)$  and the natural functor  $fog_A : A^* \rightarrow CH_{(p)}^*$ .*

**Proof:** The condition  $(\star, \star)(0)$  is trivial, and the condition  $(\star, \star)(1)$  follows from the fact that  $Ah^{2*,*}(X) \otimes_{MU_{(p)}^*} \mathbf{Z}_{(p)} \rightarrow CH^*(X)_{(p)}$  can be decomposed into the composition  $Ah^{2*,*}(X) \otimes_{MU_{(p)}^*} \mathbf{Z}_{(p)} \xrightarrow{\pi} Ah^{2*,*}(X) \otimes_{h^*} \mathbf{Z}_{(p)} \rightarrow CH^*(X)_{(p)}$ , where  $\pi$  is surjective.  $\square$

Hence  $MGL^{2*,*}(X)_{(p)}$  satisfy  $(\star, \star)$  and so does  $ABP^{2*,*}(X)$  by the following reason. (In general  $AMU(S)$ -theory is not a multiplicative cohomology theory.) We can define ([31]) the multiplicative projection  $\Phi : AMU \rightarrow AMU$  such that  $\Phi(x_i) = x_i$  if  $i = p^j - 1$  and  $\Phi(x_i) = 0$  otherwise. Then we can show ( (4.5) in [31] )  $ABP \cong \Phi AMU$ . Moreover we have

**Lemma 5.4** (*Lemma 4.1 in [31]*) *For all  $X$ , we have a  $BP^*$ -algebra isomorphism*

$$MGL^{*,*}(X)_{(p)} \cong ABP^{*,*}(X) \otimes_{BP^*} MU_{(p)}^*.$$

To see the differentials of AHss, we recall the cohomology operations in mod  $p$  motivic cohomology. In this cohomology, we have the Bockstein homomorphism  $\beta$  and the reduced powers operations  $P^i$  which commute with the realization map  $t_C$ . Moreover, we have the Milnor operation

$$Q_i : H^{*,*}(X; \mathbf{Z}/p) \rightarrow H^{*+2p^i-1, *+p^i-1}(X; \mathbf{Z}/p)$$

with  $Q_0 = \beta$  and  $Q_{i+1} = [Q_i, P^{p^i}] \text{ mod } (\rho)$  where  $\rho = -1 \in k^*/(k^*)^p = H^{1,1}(pt; \mathbf{Z}/p)$  (see [28] for details). We note  $Q_i^2 = 0$  and  $Q_i Q_j = -Q_j Q_i$ . But  $Q_i$  is not a derivation when  $\rho \neq 0$ . We also note that  $w(P^i) = 0$  and  $w(Q_i) = -1$ .

V.Voevodsky (in particular, Lemma 2.2 in [29]) and G.Powell show that the mod  $p$  motivic Steenrod algebra  $A_p^{*,*}$  is generated as an  $H^{*,*}(pt; \mathbf{Z}/p)$ -module by the products of  $P^i$  and  $\beta$ . In particular, they also prove that as a left  $H^{*,*}(pt; \mathbf{Z}/p)$ -module,

$$A_p^{*,*} \cong H^{*,*}(pt; \mathbf{Z}/p) \otimes RP \otimes \Lambda(Q_0, Q_1, \dots) \tag{4}$$

where  $RP$  is the  $\mathbf{Z}/p$ -module generated by products of reduced powers  $P^{i_1} \dots P^{i_n}$  (without the Bockstein).

Now we recall the connected Morava  $K$ -theory,  $k(n)^*(X)$  with the coefficient ring

$$k(n)^* \cong \mathbf{Z}/p[v_n] \cong BP^*/(p, v_1, \dots, \hat{v}_n, \dots).$$

We consider the algebraic connected Morava  $K$ -theory

$$Ak(n)^*,*(X) = ABP(p, v_1, \dots, \hat{v}_n, \dots)^*,*(X).$$

Since  $|v_n| (= \deg(v_n)) = -2(p^n - 1)$ , we know that  $k(n)^* = 0$  for  $* \neq 0 \bmod(2p^n - 2)$ . So we have

$$E_2^{*,*,*''} = H^{*,*}(X; \mathbf{Z}/p) \otimes k(n)^{*''} = 0 \quad \text{for } *'' \neq 0 \bmod(2p^n - 2).$$

Hence the first nonzero differential is  $d_{2p^n-1}$ .

By the naturality, the first nonzero differential

$$d_{2p^n-1} : H^{*,*}(X; \mathbf{Z}/p) \rightarrow H^{*+2p^n-1, *+p^n-1}(X; \mathbf{Z}/p) \otimes v_n$$

must be a cohomology operation of the motivic cohomology. (Cohomology operations are just natural transformations of the cohomology theory.) We know ([30, 31])  $d_{2p^n-1}(x) = v_n \otimes Q_n(x)$  for AHss of (the topological)  $k(n)^*$ -theory. From (4), we have

**Lemma 5.5** ((4.6) in [31]) *The first nonzero differential in the AHss for  $Ak(n)^*,*(X)$  is given by*

$$d_{2p^n-1}(x) = v_n \otimes (Q_n + a_{IJ} P^I Q_J)(x)$$

where  $P^I \in RP, Q_J \in \Lambda(Q_0, \dots, Q_{n-1}), |J| \geq 2, a_{IJ} \in H^{>0,*}(pt.\mathbf{Z}/p)$ .

## 6 $MGL^{2*,*}$ theory of Pfister quadratics

Recall that the Čech complex  $\check{C}(X)$  is the simplicial scheme such that  $\check{C}(X)_n = X^{n+1}$  and the faces and degeneracy maps are given by partial projections and diagonals respectively ([25, 27]). In the stable  $\mathbb{A}^1$  homotopy category, define  $\tilde{C}(X)$  by the cofiber sequence  $\check{C}(X) \rightarrow \tilde{C}(X) \rightarrow \text{Spec}(k)$ .

Let us write  $\check{C}(Q_\alpha) = \chi_\alpha$  and  $\tilde{C}(Q_\alpha) = \tilde{\chi}_\alpha$ . V.Voevodsky proved that in the triangulated category of motives  $DM^{\text{eff}}$  (see [27] for details), there exists the distinguished triangle

$$M(\chi_\alpha)(2^{n-1} - 1)[2^n - 2] \rightarrow M_\alpha \rightarrow M(\chi_\alpha) \xrightarrow{\delta_a} M(\chi_\alpha)(2^{n-1} - 1)[2^n - 1].$$

(Recall also the explanation for (2) in §3.) Using the induced long exact sequence of motivic cohomologies and the arguments from the paper [13], we can prove

**Theorem 6.1** (Theorem 5.8 in [31]) *There is a  $K_*^M(k) \otimes \Lambda(Q_0, \dots, Q_{n-1})$ -modules isomorphism*

$$H^{*,*}(\tilde{\chi}_a; \mathbf{Z}/2) \cong K_*^M(k)/(Ker(\alpha)) \otimes \Lambda(Q_0, \dots, Q_{n-1}) \otimes \mathbf{Z}/2[\delta_a^2]\{\alpha'\}$$

where  $\deg(\delta_a^2) = (2^{n+1} - 2, 2^n - 2)$ ,  $\deg(\alpha') = (n, n - 1)$ .

**Corollary 6.2** (Corollary 5.9 in [31]) *There is a  $K_*^M(k)$ -module isomorphism for  $[\deg] - (\deg) > 0$  and  $[\deg] \leq 2^n - 2$ ,*

$$H^{*,*}(M_\alpha; \mathbf{Z}/2) \cong K_*^M(k)/(Ker(\alpha)) \otimes \Lambda(Q_0, \dots, Q_{n-2})\{\alpha'\}.$$

Let  $\tau$  be the nonzero element in  $H^{0,1}(pt.; \mathbf{Z}/2) \cong \mathbf{Z}/2$ . Then the elements  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha'$  are related by:  $\tau\alpha' = \pi^*(\alpha)$  in  $H^{n,n}(M_\alpha; \mathbf{Z}/2)$  ([31]), where we denote by  $\pi^*$  the composition  $K_n^M(k)/2 \cong H^{n,n}(pt.; \mathbf{Z}/2) \xrightarrow{\pi^*} H^{n,n}(M_\alpha; \mathbf{Z}/2)$ .

Note that  $w(\alpha') = n - 2$ . Since  $w(Q_i) = -1$ , if we apply  $n - 2$ -times various operations  $Q_i$  to  $\alpha'$ , then the weight of the result will be just zero. Indeed the  $wt(x) = 0$  parts of  $H^{2*,*}(M_\alpha; \mathbf{Z}/2)$  for  $0 < * \leq 2^n - 2$  is expressed as  $Q_0 \dots \hat{Q}_i \dots Q_{n-2}(\alpha')$ . Moreover the fact that  $c_i$  is the Bockstein( $= Q_0$ ) image for  $i > 0$  implies the result of Rost - see equation (3) of Section 4.

**Corollary 6.3** (Rost [18]) *We have an isomorphism*

$$CH^*(M_\alpha) \cong H^{2*,*}(M_\alpha; \mathbf{Z}) \cong \mathbf{Z}\{1, c_0\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}/2\{c_1, \dots, c_{n-2}\}$$

where  $c_i$  is a lift of  $Q_0 \dots \hat{Q}_i \dots Q_{n-2}(\alpha') \in H^{2*,*}(M_\alpha; \mathbf{Z}/2)$  and  $\deg(c_i) = (2^n - 2^{i+1}, 2^{n-1} - 2^i)$ .

Here we recall that the Rost motive  $M_\alpha$  can be represented as a motive of some affine quadric. One of direct corollaries of Theorem 3.1 is that the motives of Pfister quadric and a codimension 1 subquadric  $R$  in it can be decomposed as:

$$M(Q_\alpha) \cong M_\alpha \otimes M(\mathbb{P}^{2^{n-1}-1}), \quad M(R) \cong M_\alpha \otimes M(\mathbb{P}^{2^{n-1}-2}).$$

**Corollary 6.4** *The Rost motive  $M_\alpha$  is represented as the motive of affine quadric  $U_\alpha = Q_\alpha - R$ .*

**Proof:** There is the distinguished triangle in  $DM(k)$

$$M(U_\alpha) \rightarrow M(Q_\alpha) \rightarrow M(R)(1)[2] \rightarrow M(U_\alpha)[1].$$

Hence the corollary follows from the isomorphisms  $M(Q_\alpha) \cong M_\alpha \otimes M(\mathbb{P}^{2^{n-1}-1})$  and  $M(R) \cong M_\alpha \otimes M(\mathbb{P}^{2^{n-1}-2})$ . Notice, that the map from  $M(Q_\alpha)$  to  $M(R)(1)[2]$  we have here presents  $M(R)(1)[2]$  as a direct summand of  $M(Q_\alpha)$  (since it is true over algebraic closure).  $\square$

Let  $A^{*,*'}(X)$  be any (oriented) generalized cohomology theory. Then for smooth  $X$  and regular closed  $Z \subset X$  of codimension  $c$  with open complement  $U$  we have long exact sequence

$$\rightarrow A^{*-2c,*'-c}(Z) \rightarrow A^{*,*'}(X) \rightarrow A^{*,*'}(U) \rightarrow A^{*-2c+1,*'+c}(Z) \rightarrow .$$

Indeed we have the Thom isomorphism (see [14],[11])

$$A^{*,*'}(X/U) \cong A^{*,*'}(Th_X(Z)) \cong ABP^{*-2c,*'-c}(Z)$$

where  $Th_X(Z)$  is the Thom space of the normal bundle for  $Z \subset X$ .

From Corollary 2.8 and Corollary 5.3, we know that  $\mathcal{M}_{ABP}(k)$  and  $\mathcal{M}_{CH}(k)$  have the same set of isomorphism classes of objects. Hence we also consider the motive  $M_\alpha^{ABP}$  for  $ABP^{2*,*}$ -theory. From the above corollary and the long exact sequence, we have the isomorphism

$$ABP^{2*,*}(M_\alpha^{ABP}) \cong ABP^{2*,*}(U_\alpha).$$

Of course  $ABP^{*,*}(U_\alpha)$  is the  $ABP$ -theory of a space, so there is an AHss converging to  $ABP^{*,*}(U_\alpha)$  and the cohomology operations act on  $H^{*,*}(U_\alpha; \mathbf{Z}/2)$ .

Let  $\pi : U_\alpha \subset Q_\alpha \rightarrow C(Q_\alpha) = \chi_\alpha$  be the induced map. Then the map

$$\pi^* : H^{*,*}(\chi_\alpha; \mathbf{Z}/2) \rightarrow H^{*,*}(U_\alpha; \mathbf{Z}/2) \cong H^{*,*}(M_\alpha; \mathbf{Z}/2)$$

is isomorphic for  $[deg] - (deg) > 0$  and  $[deg] \leq 2^n - 2$  from Corollary 6.2. In particular, we can identify  $\alpha' \in H^{n,n-1}(U_\alpha; \mathbf{Z}/2)$  and  $c_i = Q_0 \dots \hat{Q}_i \dots Q_{n-2}(\alpha') \in H^{2*,*}(U_\alpha; \mathbf{Z}/2)$  as in Corollary 6.2 and Corollary 6.3. From the proof of Corollary 5.2, we recall  $F_1^{2*,*} = BP^{<0} F_0^{2*,*}$  for the associated filtration. Hence a lift in  $ABP^{2*,*}(U_\alpha)$  of an element in  $H^{2*,*}(U_\alpha; \mathbf{Z}_{(2)}) \subset grABP^{2*,*}(U_\alpha)$  is well defined modulo  $I(2)$ . Let  $\bar{c}_i \in ABP^{2*,*}(U_\alpha)$  be lifts of  $c_i$ .

We need the following lemma.

**Lemma 6.5** Let  $S = (x_{i_1}, \dots)$  be a sequence from Theorem 5.1. Then for smooth  $X$ , we have the  $MU_{(p)}^*$ -module isomorphism

$$AMU(S)^{2*,*}(X) \cong AMU^{2*,*}(X)/(S).$$

**Proof:** Let  $S = R \cup \{x_j\}$  with  $x_j \notin R$ . Consider the long exact sequence induced from the cofiber sequence given in Section 5

$$\begin{aligned} &\rightarrow AMU(R)^{2*+2j,*+j}(X) \xrightarrow{x_j} AMU(R)^{2*,*}(X) \rightarrow MU(S)^{2*,*}(X) \\ &\quad \xrightarrow{\delta} MU(R)^{2*+2j+1,*+j}(X) \rightarrow . \end{aligned}$$

Here  $AMU(R)^{2*+2j+1,*+j}(X) = 0$  from Remark (1),(2) after the Theorem 5.1. By induction, we assume  $AMU(R)^{2*,*}(X) \cong AMU^{2*,*}(X)/(R)$ . Then we have

$$AMU(S)^{2*,*}(X) \cong AMU(R)^{2*,*}(X)/(x_j) \cong AMU^{2*,*}(X)/(R, x_j).$$

Thus we get the lemma.  $\square$

In particular, the case  $AMU(S) = AH\mathbf{Z}_{(p)}$  is Corollary 5.2. Moreover, we use the case  $AMU(S) = Ak(n)$ ,

$$(*) \quad Ak(n)^{2*,*}(X) \cong ABP^{2*,*}(X)/(p, v_1, \dots, \hat{v}_n, \dots)$$

in the lemma bellow.

**Lemma 6.6** In  $ABP^{2*,*}(U_\alpha)$  there are the following relations:

$$v_i \bar{c}_j + v_j \bar{c}_i = 0 \pmod{I(2)^2}, \quad \text{for } 0 \leq i, j \leq n-2.$$

**Proof:** We can clearly assume that  $i \neq j$ . Take  $z = Q_0 \dots \hat{Q}_i \dots \hat{Q}_j \dots Q_{n-2}(\alpha')$  in  $H^{*,*}(U_\alpha; \mathbf{Z}/2)$  so that  $w(z) = 1$ , and  $Q_i(z) = c_j$ ,  $Q_j(z) = c_i$  for the construction of  $c_i$  in Corollary 6.3. We consider the AHss for  $Ak(i)$ -theory

$$E_2^{*,*,*}(U_\alpha) = H^{*,*}(U_\alpha; k(i)^*) \implies Ak(i)^{*,*}(U_\alpha).$$

The first nonzero differential is given by Lemma 5.5

$$d_{2^{i+1}-1}(z) = v_i \otimes (Q_i + \sum a_{IJ} P^I Q_J)(z).$$

Here  $Q_J(z) = 0$  follows from  $w(Q_J(z)) \leq -1$  since  $|J| \geq 2$ . Thus we know

$$(1) \quad d_{2^{i+1}-1}(z) = v_i \otimes Q_i(z) = v_i \otimes c_j.$$

Hence  $v_i c_j = 0$  in  $grAk(i)^{2*,*}(U_\alpha)$  and this implies

$$(2) \quad v_i \tilde{c}_j = 0 \quad mod(F_{-|v_i|+1} = (v_i^2) = I(2)^2) \quad in \ Ak(i)^{2*,*}(U_\alpha)$$

where  $\tilde{c}_i$  is a lift of  $c_i$  into  $Ak(i)$ -theory. Since  $\bar{c}_j$  is a lift of  $c_j$  in  $ABP^{2*,*}(U_\alpha)$ , from (\*), we get:

$$(3) \quad v_i \bar{c}_j = 0 \quad mod(I(2)^2, 2, v_1, \dots, \hat{v}_i, \dots) \quad in \ ABP^{2*,*}(U_\alpha).$$

Note, that  $[deg](v_i \bar{c}_j) = 2^n - 2^{j+1} - 2^{i+1} + 2$ . But, if  $[deg](v_s \bar{c}_t)$  is also this degree, then  $(s, t) = (i, j)$  or  $(j, i)$ .

From Corollary 5.2 and Corollary 6.3, we see that  $ABP^{2*,*}(U_\alpha)$  is generated by  $1, \bar{c}_0, \dots, \bar{c}_{n-2}$  as a  $BP^*$ -module. Then we can write (3) as

$$(4) \quad v_i \bar{c}_j + \lambda_j v_j \bar{c}_i = 0 \quad mod(I(2)^2), \quad in \ ABP^{2*,*}(U_\alpha),$$

where  $\lambda_j$  is either 0, or 1.

In a similar way, interchanging  $i$  and  $j$ , we get the equation

$$(5) \quad v_j \bar{c}_i + \lambda_i v_i \bar{c}_j = 0 \quad mod(I(2)^2), \quad in \ ABP^{2*,*}(U_\alpha).$$

Then either (4), or (5), or (4) + (5) will have the desired form.  $\square$

**Remark.** We can prove the following fact ([30],[21]).

For  $y_m \in ABP^{*,*}(X)$ ,  $0 \leq m$ , suppose that  $\sum_m v_m y_m = 0$  in  $ABP^{*,*}(X)$ . Then there is  $x \in H^{*,*}(X; \mathbf{Z}/p)$  such that  $Q_m(x) = \rho(y_m) \in H^{*,*}(X; \mathbf{Z}/p)$  for all  $m$  where  $\rho : ABP \rightarrow AH\mathbf{Z}/p$  is the natural (Thom) map.

In our case,  $\sum v_m y_m = v_i \bar{c}_j + v_j \bar{c}_i \ mod(I(2)^2)$  and  $z = x$ . The preceding lemma is also proved by using the above fact (and (3) in the proof of the lemma), since  $z$  with  $Q_i(z) = c_j$  is uniquely determined as  $z = Q_0 \dots \hat{Q}_i \dots \hat{Q}_{i-1} \dots Q_{n-1}(\alpha')$ .

**Corollary 6.7** *If  $i < j$ , then  $v_i \bar{c}_j = 0 \ mod(\bar{c}_0, \dots, \bar{c}_{j-1})$  in  $ABP^{2*,*}(U_\alpha)$ .*

**Proof:** From above lemma, we get this result with  $\text{mod}(I(2)^2)$ . For  $k > j$ , we see,

$$[\deg](y_k \bar{c}_k) \leq [\deg](\bar{c}_k) = 2^n - 2^k < 2^n - 2^{i+1} - 2^{j+1} + 2 = [\deg](v_i \bar{c}_j).$$

Hence we have a relation:

$$\tilde{v}_{(i,j)} \bar{c}_j = 0 \pmod{(\bar{c}_0, \dots, \bar{c}_{j-1})},$$

where  $\tilde{v}_{(i,j)} = v_i \pmod{I(2)^2}$ . To prove that we can assume that  $\tilde{v}_{(i,j)} = v_i$ , we have to use the induction on  $i$  fixing  $j$ .  $\square$

From Lemma 5.4, we get the *AMU*-version.

**Corollary 6.8** *There are relations for  $0 \leq i < j \leq n-2$ ,*

$$v_i \bar{c}_j + v_j \bar{c}_i = 0 \pmod{I(2)^2} \quad \text{in } MGL^{2*,*}(U_\alpha).$$

Moreover, if  $i < j$ , then  $v_i \bar{c}_j = 0 \pmod{(\bar{c}_0, \dots, \bar{c}_{j-1})}$  in  $MGL^{2*,*}(U_\alpha)$ .

## 7 injectivity for $MGL^{2*,*}$

From Corollary 2.8 and Corollary 5.3, we know that  $\mathcal{M}_{MGL}(k)$  and  $\mathcal{M}_{CH}(k)$  have the same set of isomorphism classes of objects. Hence we can define  $M_\alpha^{MGL}$  and consider  $MGL^{2*,*}(M_\alpha^{MGL}) \cong MGL^{2*,*}(U_\alpha)$ , let us write it simply  $MGL^{2*,*}(M_\alpha)$ .

Recall that  $\bar{k}$  is the algebraic closure of  $k$  and  $X|_{\bar{k}} = X \otimes_k \bar{k}$ . Let

$$ac : MGL^{2*,*}(X) \rightarrow MGL^{2*,*}(X|_{\bar{k}})$$

be the induced map. Since  $M_\alpha^{MGL}|_{\bar{k}}$  is a direct sum of ( $MGL$ ) Tate-motives, we have:

$$MGL^{2*,*}(M_\alpha|_{\bar{k}}) \cong MU^* \otimes CH^*(M_\alpha|_{\bar{k}}) \cong MU^*\{1, \bar{c}\}, \quad (5)$$

where  $\deg(\bar{c}) = (2^n - 2, 2^{n-1} - 1)$ . The element  $\bar{c}$  here is the image of  $e_0 \in \Omega_0(M_\alpha)$  (defined in Section 3) under the natural map  $\Omega^*(X) \rightarrow MGL^{2*,*}(X)$ .

Recall also that  $MGL^{2*,*}(M_\alpha)$  is generated by  $1, \bar{c}_0, \dots, \bar{c}_{n-2}$  as a  $MU^*$ -module (compare with Theorem 3.5).

**Lemma 7.1** *We have  $ac(1) = 1$  and  $ac(\bar{c}_i) = v_i \bar{c} \bmod(I(2, i-1))$ . Hence*

$$ac(MGL^{2*,*}(M_\alpha)) = MU^*\{1\} \oplus I(2, n-2)\{\bar{c}\}.$$

**Proof:** Since for arbitrary  $E/k$ , the map  $CH^{2^{n-1}-1}(M_\alpha) \rightarrow CH^{2^{n-1}-1}(R_\alpha)$  is an isomorphism, and for anisotropic quadric  $Q$  of dimension  $d$ , the map

$$ac^{CH} : \mathbf{Z} \cong CH^d(Q) \rightarrow CH^d(Q|_{\bar{k}}) \cong \mathbf{Z}$$

is the multiplication by 2, we get:  $ac^{CH}(c_0) = 2c$ , where  $c$  is the generator of  $CH^{2^{n-1}-1}(M_\alpha|_{\bar{k}}) \cong \mathbf{Z}$ . Since  $\deg(MU^*) \leq 0$ , we note that  $[\deg](MGL^{2*,*}(M_\alpha)) \leq 2\dim(R_\alpha)$  by Corollary 5.2. Hence we know

$$MGL^{2^n-2, 2^{n-1}-1}(M_\alpha) \cong CH^{2^{n-1}-1}(M_\alpha) \cong \mathbf{Z}.$$

Thus we see that  $ac(\bar{c}_0) = 2\bar{c}$  also in  $MGL^{2*,*}(M_\alpha|_{\bar{k}})$ .

The relation  $v_i \bar{c}_0 = 2\bar{c}_i \bmod(I(2)^2)$  in Corollary 6.8 implies at first  $ac(\bar{c}_i) \in I(2)\bar{c}$ . Since

$$(v_i \bar{c}_0 - 2\bar{c}_i) \in I(2)^2\{\bar{c}_0, \dots, \bar{c}_{n-2}\}$$

(note that  $[\deg](v_i \bar{c}_0 - 2\bar{c}_i) > 0$  but  $[\deg](1) = 0$ ), we have  $ac(v_i \bar{c}_0 - 2\bar{c}_i) \in I(2)^3\{\bar{c}\}$ . Hence we get

$$ac(\bar{c}_i) = (v_i/2)ac(\bar{c}_0) = v_i \bar{c} \bmod(I(2)^2\bar{c})$$

from Corollary 6.8 since  $MGL^{2*,*}(M_\alpha|_{\bar{k}})$  is  $MU^*$ -free.  $\square$

Compare with Proposition 4.4.

**Theorem 7.2** *The map  $ac : MGL^{2*,*}(M_\alpha) \rightarrow MGL^{2*,*}(M_\alpha|_{\bar{k}})$  is injective and*

$$MGL^{2*,*}(M_\alpha) \cong MU^*\{1\} \oplus I(2, n-2)\{\bar{c}\}.$$

**Proof:** Consider the filtration

$$(2, \dots, v_{n-2}) = I(2, n-2) \supset I(2, n-3) \supset \dots \supset I(2, 0) = (2).$$

Then we have the isomorphism  $I(2, i)/I(2, i-1) \cong MU^*/I(2, i-1)\{v_i\}$ . Thus we get the isomorphism

$$grI(2, n-2)\{\bar{c}\} \cong \bigoplus_{0 \leq i \leq n-2} MU^*/I(2, i-1)\{v_i \bar{c}\}.$$

Let  $A$  be the  $MU^*$ -submodule of  $MGL^{2*,*}(M_\alpha)$  generated by  $\{\bar{c}_0, \dots, \bar{c}_{n-2}\}$ , i.e.,  $MGL^{2*,*}(M_\alpha) \cong MU^*\{1\} \oplus A$ . Then from Lemma 7.1, we have the map  $g = ac|_A : A \rightarrow I(2, n-2)\{\bar{c}\}$ . Let  $A_i$  be the submodule of  $MGL^{2*,*}(M_\alpha)$  generated by  $\{\bar{c}_0, \dots, \bar{c}_i\}$ . Since  $ac(\bar{c}_i) = v_i \bar{c} \bmod(I(2, i-1))$ , we have the induced map

$$gr(g) : grA = \bigoplus A_i/A_{i+1} \rightarrow \bigoplus_{0 \leq i \leq n-2} MU^*/I(2, i-1)\{v_i \bar{c}\}.$$

Here from Corollary 6.8, the module  $A_i/A_{i-1}$  is a quotient of the module

$$MU^*\{\bar{c}_0, \dots, \bar{c}_i\}/(v_k \bar{c}_i - v_i \bar{c}_k, \bar{c}_0, \dots, \bar{c}_{i-1} | k < i) \cong MU^*/I(2, i-1)\{\bar{c}_i\}.$$

Here note  $gr(g)(A_i/A_{i-1}) = MU^*/I(2, i-1)\{v_i \bar{c}\}$ . Hence  $gr(g)|_{(A_i/A_{i-1})}$  is isomorphic and so are  $gr(g)$  and  $g$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 7.3** *There are  $BP^*$ -module isomorphisms*

$$grABP^{2*,*}(U_\alpha) \cong (BP^*\{1\} \oplus \bigoplus_{i=0}^{n-2} BP^*/I(2, i-1)\{c_i\}),$$

$$ABP^{2*,*}(U_\alpha) \cong (BP^*\{1, \bar{c}_0, \dots, \bar{c}_{n-1}\}/(v_i \bar{c}_j - v_j \bar{c}_i | i < j)).$$

Note that  $ABP^{2*,*}(Q_\alpha)$  is a free  $ABP^{2*,*}(U_\alpha)$ -module

$$ABP^{2*,*}(Q_\alpha) \cong ABP^{2*,*}(U_\alpha)\{1, h, \dots, h^{2^{n-1}-1}\}$$

where  $\deg(h) = (2, 1)$ . Similar fact also holds for  $grABP^{2*,*}(Q_\alpha)$ . However note that  $h^{2^{n-1}} \neq 0 \in ABP^{2*,*}(Q_\alpha)$ .

Let  $\pi : X \rightarrow pt$  is the projection map and  $I(X) = \pi_* MGL^{2*,*}(X)$ . Let  $I'(X)$  be the sub  $MU^*$ -module of  $I(X)$  generated by  $\pi_*$ -images of elements of  $MGL^{2*,*}(X)$  of positive degree. Recall the affine quadric  $Q_\alpha$  with  $MGL^{2*,*}(U_\alpha) \cong MGL^{2*,*}(M_\alpha)$ .

**Theorem 7.4** *We have  $\pi_*(1) = v_n$  and  $\pi_*(\bar{c}_i) = v_i$ . Hence  $I'(U_\alpha) \cong I(2, n-2)$  and  $I(U_\alpha) \cong I(2, n-1)$ .*

**Proof:** Since  $t_{\mathbb{C}}(P_\alpha) = v_{n-1}$ , we have  $\pi_*(1) = v_{n-1}$ . For  $\pi_*(\bar{c}_0)$ , we know  $\pi_*(c_0) = \deg(P_\alpha) = 2$  in  $CH^0(pt.) \cong \mathbf{Z}$ . Hence  $\pi_*(\bar{c}_i) = v_i$  follows from the relation  $2\bar{c}_i = v_i \bar{c}_0$  in  $MGL^{2*,*}(M_\alpha)$ .  $\square$

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## **Abstract**

In this article we compute the ring of Algebraic Cobordisms of a Pfister Quadric. This is the rare example of noncellular variety where such computation is known. We consider the Algebraic Cobordisms  $\Omega^*$  of M.Levine-F.Morel, as well as the  $MGL^{2*,*}$  of V.Voevodsky. Respectively, the methods of computation in two cases are quite different. But the result do agree (which support the expectations that the two theories, actually, coincide). We show that the restriction homomorphism in our case is injective for any field extension  $E/F$ .